

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, February 14, 2023**

Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:03PM

Commissioners Present: *Larry Spencer, Anne Packard, Shelagh Connelly, Ben Amsden and Bill Nesheim (arrived 4:15)*

Not Present: *April Sargent, Woodie Laverack*

Also Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 10, 2023

**“Motion to approve the minutes as submitted “– Anne Packard
Second – Shelagh Connelly**

Approved: 4- Yes, 0- No

MAIL CHECK: Mr. Spencer reviewed the mail: 3 Wetlands and non-site-specific permits, the NH Conservation Commissioners Handbook, 1 Shoreland Permit application, 1 Standard dredge and fill Permit, Annual Forest Society Monitoring Letter, Grafton County Plant Sale circular and the latest edition of the Timber Crier.

OLD ITEMS:

1. Trails – L. Spencer left this on the agenda as a reminder that trail work will begin in the spring.
2. LWCF Grant Application – L. Spencer provided an update on his conversations at the State, Federal and local level to keep this project moving forward. There are still a number of issues to be addressed. S. Connelly mentioned that the Commission may want to reach out to the Northern Border Regional Commission to see what might be available in the way of funding opportunities for the project. This may be helpful in moving the project Forward.
3. L. Spencer mentioned that Jim Frohn would be available to lead a hike at the conservation property on either May 13, 20 or June 10. B. Nesheim will work on coordinating the visit on one of those days.
4. Earth Day event- Does the Commission want to sponsor an event on that day? Trash pick-up or other community events? S. Connelly will reach out to Holderness School.

The Town Administrator noted that he has secured blue trash bags from the Northeast Resources Recovery Association for use with clean up.

5. L. Spencer mentioned that little or no progress was being made on the Campton side of the Livermore Falls project.

NEW ITEMS:

1. The article for Conservation Matters is scheduled for July 2023
2. L. Spencer spoke with Kevin Coburn regarding the use of salt and sand on Town Roads. Kevin mentioned that the highway crew attended a NHDOT training program on best practices and found that the Town of Holderness used a 5% salt mix in their sand which is well below the State's 25%. There was some discussion as to how local contractors might have access to NHDOT training in an effort to better educate them regarding salt use in sensitive areas.
3. L. Spencer briefly reviewed some of the legislative bills affecting Conservation under consideration in the current session in Concord. He directed folks to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee website for more details.
4. The Commission discussed the meeting of regional commissions scheduled for February 22nd at the Pease Library in Plymouth. S. Connelly suggested that each community provide an update on projects within their communities.
5. Online and in person wetlands course offered via NHACC and DES – B. Nesheim plans to review these sessions
6. Town Meeting- There was a brief discussion regarding items of interest to be considered at Town Meeting. The Town Administrator mentioned that there is an article on the warrant authorizing the Board to work with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society on conveyance of the Commissions parcel on White Oak Pond next to the Haskell preserve.
7. L. Spencer mentioned that the Saving Special Places meetings will take place in April.

Next Meeting is March 14, 2023-at the Public Safety Building

ADJOURNMENT: With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Capone
Town Administrator